



US Embassy  
Abu Dhabi, UAE  
Consular Section

Dear Parent,

Congratulations! Thank you for your inquiry about registering your child as a U.S. citizen.

The enclosed items contain information to help you apply for a Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA), which is considered a basic United States citizenship document. In addition, you should apply for a U.S. passport and a Social Security Number for your child.

Please complete the enclosed forms and bring them to the U.S. Embassy in Abu Dhabi on any working day between the hours of 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm.

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Required Forms (complete but do not sign!)

- Application for Consular Report of Birth Abroad DS-2029
- Passport Application DS-11 and 2 photos of the child. They must be 5 cm x 5 cm (square) color passport photos with a white background.
- Social Security Application SS-5
- Affidavit of Physical Presence (If there is only one American parent. See below.)

Evidence of Parentage and Nationality

- Child's original UAE birth certificate (plus English translation, if needed) and 2 photocopies (*please note that the UAE General Health Authority may require that the parents' marriage certificate be authenticated prior to issuance of a UAE birth certificate; for instructions on how to authenticate a US document, please refer to the Embassy's website - [uae.usembassy.gov](http://uae.usembassy.gov)*)
- Parents' passports and 2 photocopies of the biographic data pages
- Parents' marriage certificate (plus English translation, if needed) and 1 photocopy

If one of these applies, you will need the following additional documentation

- **There is only one American parent.** Please submit evidence showing that parent was physically present in the United States (examples: original school transcripts, pay stubs from employer, passport entry and exit stamps etc). The requirement to transmit your US citizenship is a minimum of 5 years physical presence in the US, at least 2 of which were after the age of 14. No such evidence is required when both parents are US citizens.
- **One or both parents were previously married.** Please submit evidence showing legal termination through death or divorce of all previous marriages. Provide original death or divorce certificates (plus English translation, if needed) and 1 photocopy of each.

Both parents and the child are required to appear in person at the Embassy during public hours.

Fees must be paid when the applications are submitted: 241 AED for the CRBA and 303 AED for the child's passport, for a total of 544 AED. In addition, there is a charge of 4 AED per copy if photocopies are not provided. This may be paid in U.S. dollars, dirhams, or by major credit card.

The Embassy advises that newborn children be registered within 3 months to allow time to obtain UAE residency, if needed. The process takes about 15 days.

Sincerely,

Consular Section